view to take appropriate corrective action.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) and (e) Grants are usually released only after the expected utilisation certificates are duly received, excepting under certain exceptional circumstances in respect of statutory/autonomous organisations.

Names of latest antibiotics

*98. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names, pharmaceutical names and brand names of the latest brand and generations of antibiotics which have become available in our country during the last three years;

(b) whether they are all imported or some of them are indigenous and if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the current market prices of these antibiotics; and

(d) whether these antibiotics are really necessary?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) The antibiotics approved for marketing in the country by the Drugs Controller (India) during the last four years either to be imported in bulk or in finished formulations include Roxithromycin, Cefixime, Cefoperazone Sodium Inj., Vancomycin Injection, Azithromycin, Clarithromycin and Sultamicillin. These have advantages in treatment of variety of infections.

The market prices of the formulations of various brands are given below:

Name of the Product	Company	Market Price
I. ROXITHROMYCIN		
1. Roxem 150mg 10's Tabs	Aristo	Rs. 85.00
2. Roxybid 150mg 4's Tabs.	Zieta	Rs. 58.00
3. Roxid 150mg 10's Tabs.	Alembic	Rs. 97.50
4. Roxitem 150mg 6's Tabs.	Kopran	Rs. 58.50
5. Roximol 150mg 10's Tabs.	Torrent	Rs. 109.00
6. Roxithro 150mg 10's Tabs.	Gufic	Rs. 96.00
7. Rulide 150mg 4's Tabs.	Rousel	Rs. 45.00
8. Roxy Roll 150mg 4's Tabs.	Concept	Rs. 35.00
II. CEFIXIME		
1. Topcef 200mg, 400mg Tabs.	Torrent	200mg 4's—Rs.330.00 400mg 2's—Rs.320.00

Name of the Product	Company	Market Price
III. CEFOPERZONE SODIUM INJECTION		
1. Megnamycin 1gm, 2gm Inj.	Unimed/Pfizer	1 gm/vial—Rs. 262.11 2gm/vial—Rs. 315.59 (Retailer's Price)
IV. VANCOMYCIN INJECTION		
1. Vancocin 500mg. Inj.	Eli Lily Ranbaxy	Rs. 365.00
V. AZITHROMYCIN		
1. Azithral 250mg Tab. 6's	Alembic	Rs. 258.00
2. Aziwok 250mg Cap. 6's	Wockhardt	Rs. 264.00
3. Zithromox 250mg Cap. 6's	Pfizer	Rs. 590.01
VI. CLARITHROMYCIN		
1. Claribid 250mg Tabs. 10's	Abbott	Rs. 440.00 (Retailer's Price)
VII. SULTAMICILLIN		
1. Sulbacin 375mg Tab. 4's	Unichem	Rs. 150.00

SOURCE: Drugs Today MIMS ORG

Competitive Advantage for Boosting Tobacco Production

*99. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great potential to utilise the competitive advantage in low costs for boosting tobacco production; and

(b) if so, the plans of the ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) and related bodies to project the role of tobacco in the post-GATT agricultural production scenario?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) India used to be one of the countries producing tobacco at low cost in the world for the past so many years but our exports are facing disadvantages in the international market by various tariff and non-tariff barriers. Competitiveness of indian tobacco may increase further slightly in the post GATT scenario.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and other related bodies are making continuous efforts to project the role of tabacco in the post-GATT agricultural production scenario. The plans of ICAR to boost Tobacco production and experts include: (a) research on development of value added chemicals of medicinal and industrial applications such as nicotine sulphate, solanisol, leaf protein, etc. (b) development of high quality cigarette tobacco with low tar content; and

(c) development of flavourful and semi-flavourful tobacco for quality cigarette.